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Trip to South Korea to Teach PF321 Learning Strategies April 2018

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Introduction

I was honored when asked to teach PF321 Learning Strategies to a new cohort of nursing students in South Korea.

The content of the South Korean format is the same as our domestic formats – it provides an introduction to Franklin University and to topics that will assist with a successful start to their educational journey as a Franklin University student.

Topics covered include using our learning management system and other technologies, APA, using our library, academic integrity, and working on teams.

To prepare for teaching, I completed INST502 *Teaching in a Global University* offered by the Franklin University Center for Teaching Excellence.

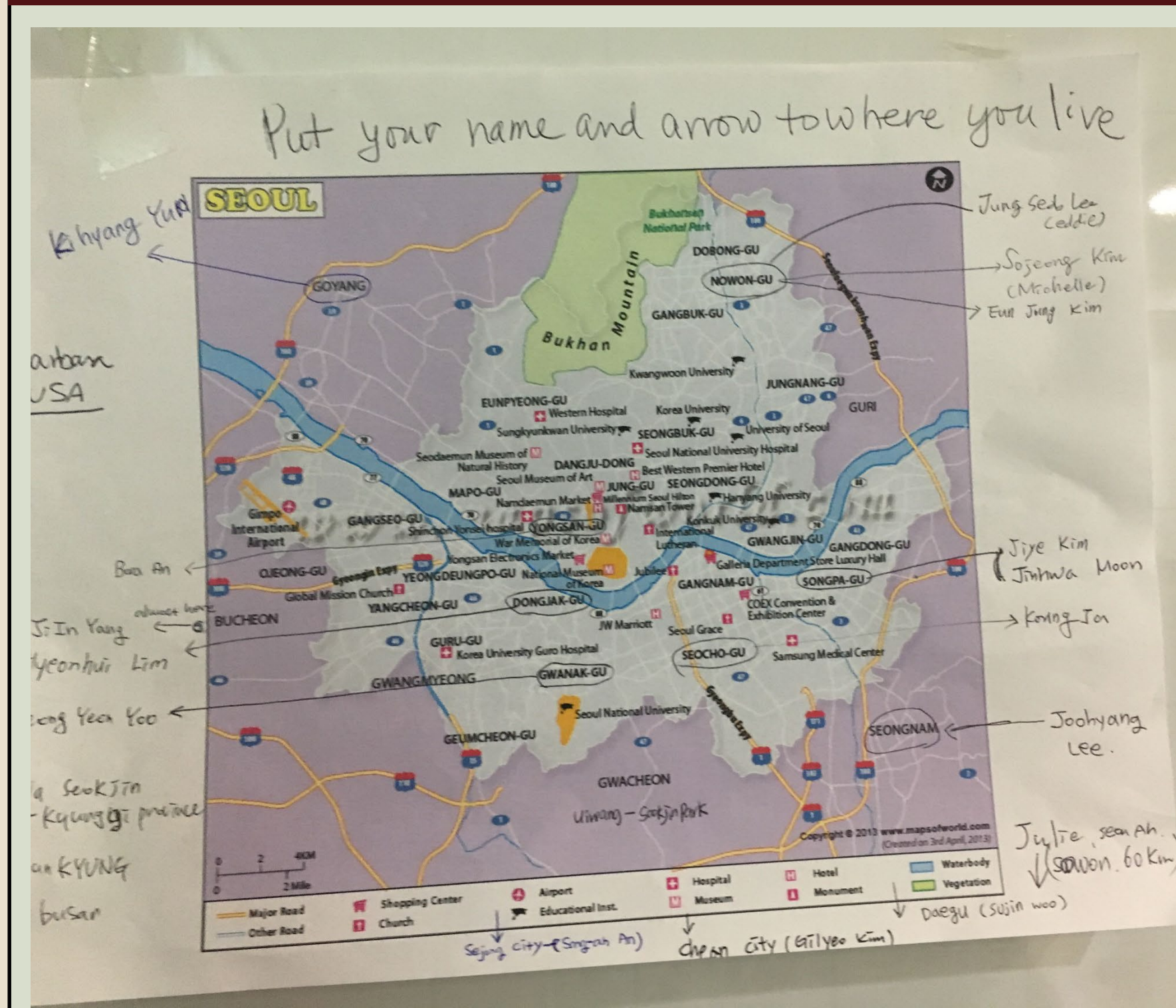
Itinerary

- I left Columbus on Wednesday, April 11 on a 10:10 a.m. Air Canada flight and arrived in Seoul, South Korea on Thursday, April 12 at 4:30 p.m. (15 hours in flight).
- I taught full-day sessions to my class of 20 students on Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15.
- On Friday, April 13 and Monday, April 16 I was able to tour Seoul.
- My return flight left Seoul at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17 and I arrived in Columbus at 10:00 p.m.

In the classroom....very attentive students



Map of Seoul showing where students live



At Gyeongbok Palace



Students are working hard



Enjoying fellowship at the Korean Buffet



The history at the DMZ is remarkable



What I Learned

Teaching this class was an eye-opening experience for me. I went to teach, and the class sessions were successful, with all students passing the course. Here is WHAT I LEARNED:

- My students were very respectful and very concerned about ensuring I was comfortable.
- I asked students to mark on a map of Seoul where they live and it was amazing to me that some of them live two hours away and made the journey to class.
- Seoul is a beautiful city with many lovely sites to see. The all-day tour went to a palace to watch the changing of the guard, a museum, and Insadong market.
- The DMZ provided an historical tour but, more importantly, another confirmation that we live in the greatest country in the world. The DMZ site includes an observatory into North Korea, a train station, the Unification Bridge, and the infiltration tunnel discovered by South Korea.
- I am looking forward to travelling more, and would gladly go back to South Korea to teach!

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